

Appl. No.: 10/604,551
Amdt. dated April 7, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 24, 2005

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated October 12, 2005. Applicant first notes with appreciation the Examiner's thorough examination of the application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has canceled claims 43-47 and amended Claims 33 and 36. Following these amendments, the application now includes Claims 11, 23, 26, 27, 33, and 36, 37, 40-42, with Claims 11, 23, 33, and 36 being independent. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable and request reconsideration in light of the remarks below.

I. Claims 11, 23, 26, 27, 33, and 35 Are Allowed

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 11, 23, 26, 27, and 35 are allowed.¹ Applicant notes that Claim 35 has been canceled.

II. Claims 33 and 36 Are Patentable

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner raised objections to Claims 33 and 36 stating that Applicant's removal of the term "thermal" prior to print head changed the scope of the claims and would require a new search. Applicant has amended Claims 33 and 36 to reinstate the term "thermal" prior to print head.

In the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, the only rejection raised against Claim 33 was an antecedent basis rejection. On page 4, paragraph 4, the Office Action stated that Claim 33 was allowed. Now that Applicant has reinserted the term "thermal" into the claim, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim as amended is now again in allowable form.

The Office Action rejected claim 36, but indicated that Claim 39 includes patentable subject matter. Applicant has previously amended independent Claim 36 to include the recitations of Claims 38 and 39. Applicant has now reinserted the term "thermal" in the claim. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that independent Claims 36 is patentable.

¹ In Applicant's previous Amendment dated September 23, 2005, Applicant incorrectly indicated in Section I of the Amendment that Claims 36-47 were indicated as being allowed. Applicant apologizes for this inadvertent mistake.

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III. Claims 43-47 Are Canceled

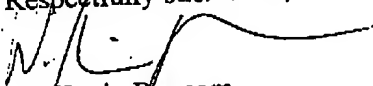
The Advisory Action rejects claims 40-47. Claims 40-42 depend from Claim 36, which Applicant believes is allowable. Claims 43-47 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

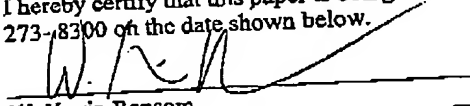
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